

Chipmans Pond

52.4 acres

Laurel

The abundance of largemouth bass here is low, but the size distribution is excellent and average weights are good. The number of bass over 12 inches has increased and the biggest group is bass over 15 inches. Growth was average with bass reaching the legal length of 12 inches during the fourth year.

Bluegill numbers were moderately high with good weights and size range. Although the dominant size group was fish from 7 to 8 inches some trophies are available. Growth of bluegill was above average with 3-year old fish averaging over 6 ½ inches. A late summer 2011 fish kill of primarily bluegill resulted from a heavy algae bloom so Division biologists will be monitoring the fish population again in 2012. Yellow perch and black crappie were present though in moderate numbers. Most crappie were between 8 and 11 inches. Creek chubsucker and brown bullhead were not uncommon.



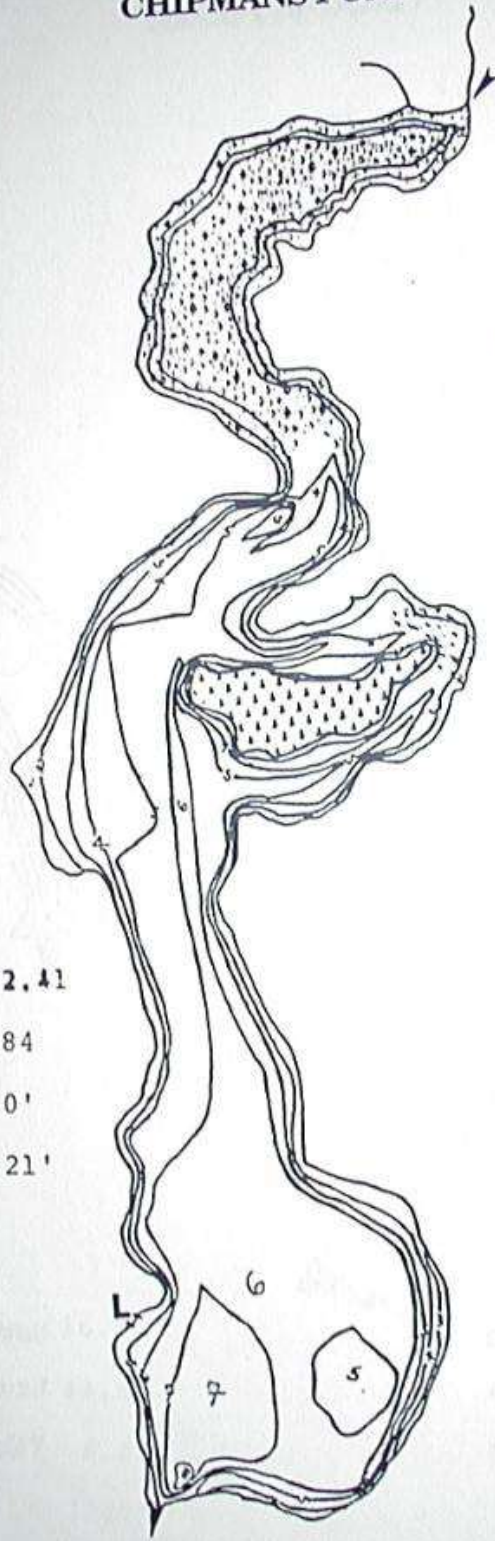
VEGETATION

Because hydrilla has dominated the lower portion of the pond for a number of years, an aquatic herbicide was been applied frequently for control. In both 2009 and 2010, the Division's aquatic weed harvester was used to collect floating mats of filamentous algae. Hydrilla was also treated in 2009 with an herbicide that provides multi-year control.

FACILITIES

Almost no shore angling access is available because the open shoreline is adjacent to County Road 465 (Chipmans Pond Rd) where there is very little shoulder available for safe angling. A relatively new boat ramp is present and parking should be adequate for a number of vehicles. A short amount of shoreline adjacent to the boat ramp can be used for angling but please respect the adjacent private property.

CHIPMANS POND



Surface Acres 52.41

Acre-Feet 220.84

Maximum Depth 8.0'

Mean Depth 4.21'

1"=440'



Aquatic
Vegetation

Island



Water Flow



Launching Area